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TO : Assistant Director, OCD *fw*

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FROM : Acting Chief, Records Management Branch, CIA Library, OCD

SUBJECT: Affect of Proposed Legislation on CIA

S. 3842

The attached Bill will not affect CIA insofar as Title V is concerned. All this is simply a rehashing of old stuff with which the undersigned is already familiar. In addition, we are constantly on the alert to ensure that this Agency complies with legal requirements wherever possible.

There is nothing mentioned in this Bill (which consists of proposed amendments to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949) which should cause CIA to require the applicable Senate Committee to alter any provisions concerning Federal Records. If changes are made in the existing law to the extent proposed, we will be no better or worse off than at present.

Careful review of specific provisions suggests that if anything, our security requirements and special restrictions will be even more officially recognized. If the Bill becomes law, for example, the General Services Administration will not be permitted to survey or inspect our classified records without the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence. Similarly, any records we feel should be transferred to National Archives will be protected according to our restrictions and such transfers will be made subject to our special agreements.

As in the present law the Bill states that "nothing in this act shall impair or affect any authority of the Central Intelligence Agency". However, it should be mentioned here that we have been curious for some time to know how Public Law 110, the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949, provides specific exemptions, if any, and to what extent, on certain legal requirements concerning the preservation and disposition of record and non-record material. Attached herewith is a copy of our request to the Legal Staff on 17 February 1950, to which we have as yet received no reply.

*See 583:
Disposal of
Records*

It is hoped that the above remarks will be sufficient for your purposes, and I will be happy to discuss this matter with you further if you so desire.



Attachments:

Senate Bill #S3842

Copy of Rec. Mgm't. Br. memo. dated 17 February 1950

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